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Date: December 22, 2006  
By Jeanne Cade

Attorney Docket No. 100727-61 / Heraeus 412

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Hans-Jurgen WACHTER et al  
SERIAL NO. : 10/705,566  
CUSTOMER NO. : 27384  
FILED : November 11, 2003  
FOR : NIOBIUM-ZIRCONIUM ALLOY FOR MEDICAL DEVICES OR  
THEIR PARTS  
ART UNIT : 1742  
EXAMINER : Daniel J. Jenkins

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification – none.**

**Amendments to the Claims – none.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.**

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**CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

**ADDITIONAL FEE**

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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